

There are two different versions of the death of John Owens II. I tend to think the version in the Tenmile Creek history is wrong. The versions related in the Marion and Harrison West Virginia histories seem to be closer to the truth. A first hand account is related in Power's Revolutionary War Pension document which refers to John Owens and John Juggins being killed. This is in agreement with the Marion and Harrison Histories. The Tenmile Creek history has the other man as unknown. The Marion and Harrison accounts would also be in agreement with the fact John Owens was staking a claim to land in the Monongahela area of Virginia. According to John Owen's Will he left his land on Tenmile Creek to his son David and the land he was then laboring on to his son John Jr. I assume the land he was laboring on was where he was killed on Booth's Creek in Virginia.

at the age of 21 to him heirs & assigns forever. I give unto my son John when come to of proper age the plantation now labour upon his heirs and assigns forever

We the Commissioners for adjusting Claims to unpatented lands
the Counties of Monongalia & Johogania do hereby certify that
John Owens Junr. Heir at law to John Owens Decd. is intitled to one thousand
and nine hundred acres of land in Monongalia County in the right of Preemption
adjoining lands granted to John Owens Decd. by the former Commrs
in right of settlement, given our hands at John Fairpoints this 18th
Day of February 1882 in the sixth year of the Common Wealth

John P. Duval
J. W. H. H.
Will Haymore

John Owens Clerk

killed John Owens and John Juggins

Illustration 1: Power's Revolutionary War file

niece taken prisoner.

In June 1780 John Owens, John Juggins and Owen Owens were attacked by some Indians as they were going to their cornfields on Booth's Creek and the two former were killed and scalped. Owen Owens being some distance behind them made his escape to the fort. John Owens, the younger, who had been to the pasture field for the plough horses, heard the guns, but not suspecting any danger to be near, rode forward towards the corn field. As he was proceeding along the path by a fence side riding one and leading another horse he was fired at by several Indians, some of whom afterwards rushed forward and caught at the bridle reins, yet he escaped unhurt from them all.

Illustration 2: It was actually 1781

by the Indians in the Spring of 1781.

In the Spring of 1781, John Owens, Jr., son of the Indian Trader, was living on his tract of land, about a mile West of the present Court House at Waynesburg. With his neighbors, William Brown, William English, another man not named, and some of their sons, John Owens, Jr., was out making maple sugar, as was the custom in those days, it being the only sweetening available to the pioneers. Having finished their work, they were on their way home when they were fired upon by some Indians. English, Brown, the unidentified man, and John Owens were killed in the first volley, but Vincent Brown and Mathew Brown escaped to reach home and spread the alarm.

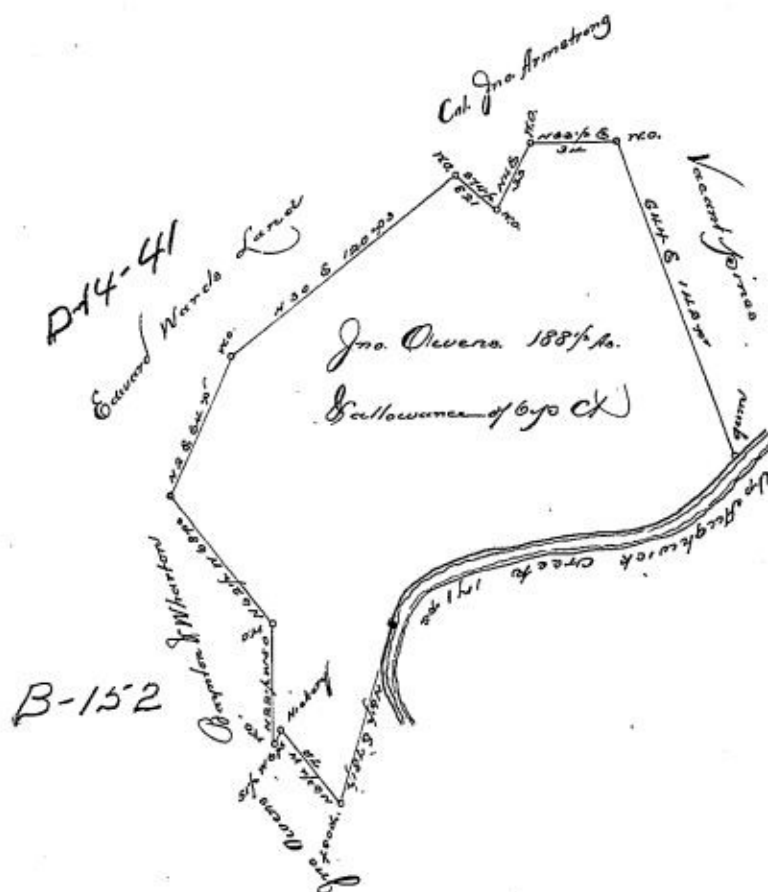
John Owens was possessed of several pieces of land when he was killed, and one of these pieces must have been in Kentucky, where his will was filed (in Bracken County), and to which place some of his children soon after removed. His will, which was administered by his wife and a neighbor, Sebastian Shroffe, is on file in Washington, County, Pennsylvania, Will Book No. 1, pp. 51, and was probated April 6, 1781. In it he names his sons, David and John, but Orphans' Court records reveal that guardians were appointed for minor children whose names are listed as: David Owens, John Owens, Jr., Vincent Owens, George Owens, Mary Owens and James Owens. A daughter, Sarah, had married Richard Gragston, and shared in the estate. It was John Owens' son, David Owens, who served in James Archer's Company of Washington County Militia. Shortly after 1785, the family went to Kentucky and settled in Bracken County.

John Owens II escaped being killed once before.

After the murder of John Thomas and his family in 1781, the settlement on Booth's creek was forsaken, and its inhabitants went to Simpson's creek, for greater security. In the Spring John Owens procured the assistance of some young men about Simpson's creek, and proceeded to Booth's creek for the purpose of threshing some wheat at his farm there.—While on a stack throwing down sheaves, several guns were fired at him by a party of twelve Indians, concealed not far off. Owens leapt from the stack, and the men caught up their guns. They could not, however, discover any one of the savages in their covert and thought it best to retreat to Simpson's creek and strengthen their force before they ventured in pursuit of their enemy. They accordingly did so, and when they came again to Booth's creek, the Indians had decamped, taking with them the horses left at Owens'. The men however found their trail and followed it until night.—Early next morning, crossing the West Fork at Shinns-ton, they went on in pursuit and came within sight of the Indian camp, and seeing some of the savages lying near their fires, fired at them, but, as was believed without

Like his father John Owens II owned land in Augwick (a path along Augwick Creek was used by traders and Indians for many years).

15	Orbison, Thomas	Receipt	51.0	Peters. Imp.	31	"	"	31 May 1763	91	5	Thomas Orbison	RA	10	155	C48	297
16	Owens, John Jr.	Survey	150	On N. S. Augwick Cr.	7	June	"	11 Feb. 1788	188	80	Peter Wikoff	P	13	10	A 7	209
17	Oswald, Jacob	"	100	Antrim Twp.	2	April 1765	of	Said man	180	20	"	"	"	"	"	"



A Draught of a tract of land situate on Aughwick Creek in the County of Cumberland
 Containing one hundred and eighty eight acres and a half and the usual allowance of six
 acres p. Ct. for Roads &c. Surveyed the 29th day of April 1767 for John Owens in pursu-

O'FARLAN Patrick - Nottingham; w 92

O'NEILL Barnett; a 90

OWENS (OWINGS) John Sr - Ten Mile; w 85; a 87 (Susannah); minor
 ch 90 (John, David, Vincent, George, Mary, James)

Account Document 1787?

John Owens } In the name of God Amen. I John Owens, being of the fourth fork of Ten
Mile creek in the County of Monongehela and State of Virginia & being through
the abundant Mercy and goodness of Almighty God the great in body yet a ^{weak} and
and perfect Under standing and memory do constitute this my last will and
Testament and desires it may be received by all as such, First I most humbly bequeath
to my soul to God my maker who give it me trusting his most ^{gracious} acceptance of it. I
give my body to the earth from whence it ~~came~~ it was taken to be buried in a
decent and Christian like Manner at the direction of my dear wife and Executor
hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence as
for my worldly Estate that it has pleased God to bless me with shall be ordred in the
manner following: First I give unto my son David the possession of my lower
plantation which lies in the forks of the afore mentioned creek when he arrives
at the age of 21 to him heirs & assigns forever. I give unto my son John when come
to proper age the plantation Snow ~~labour~~ ^{labour} to him his heirs and assigns forever
and these my two sons David & John is to possess these two places Lend to pay to the
rest of their Brothers and Sisters such a compensation as shall make them all
equal sharers in these Estates moveables and as for my loving and affectionate
wife she shall have the prerogative of all while she remains a widow and if she
marries the third of all and as for my ^{dear} mother she shall have her maintain-
ance off the Estate during her life if it can be made and my estate which lies in
Pennsylvania Aithick Creek in Bedford County I give unto my Executors to be
disposed of by them for to assist in my journey up these my children and lastly I

M. Mullen as declared by her in her life time (to wit) on the twenty sixth day of January A.D. seventeen hundred and ninety, as appears within and the said will was by her the said decedent desired to be committed to writing by James Seal and the said seal wrote the same in the presence of us the 2^d deponents and in the presence of the Testator before her death and at her special Instance and request, and the said Nancy Brown and Sarah Owens do further affirm declare and say that the said Susannah M. Mullen at the time of the doing thereof was of a sound and perfect mind, memory and understanding

Illustration 3: Susannah McMullen Will

July-1775—John Owens Dir. of
to Thomas Kent— L. S. S.
to one pattern Deer Skins— 0=10=0—

January the 26th 1789 This Day Came Thomas Kent
before me the Subscriber a Justice of Peace for the
County of Washington and made oath the above
Account is just and true as it stands stated and that
he hath never received no part nor parcel thereof
Sworn to and Subscribed before me
Levi Harwood
Thomas Kent
mark

Remains Due to John Anthony
One Pound 3^d 6th
Oct-28. 1777 - John Anthony

0361

An Account of the Expence Which Widdow Duns Has been at for the Use of his family taken of the			1781		
Estate of John Duns Seat of Tenn. mile Deesha					
Sold one Barrent Boy for ten pounds to buy					
Spread Which Was When parted			10	0	0
To one Cow for the same Use at five pounds			5	0	0
1782 To one mear given to George Church to pay					
An Old Deat of John Duns Senior & Juniors					
Contract at six pounds			6	0	0
1785 To one Big Cow for the Use of the family			4	0	0
When parted					
Sold pork for salt to the Value of three pound			3	0	0
For the Use of his family When parted			2	0	0
To one Old mear sent over the mountain for salt			1	0	0
To one Old mear sent on the road			1	0	0
Total			32	0	0

0360

Widow Owens Charge for Rearing her Children —
to Rearing one Child from Apr. 3rd ^{the then being 5 months old} ~~1781~~ 1781 until Apr 3rd
1785 ————— £ 12

Rearing two Other Childⁿ from Apr. 3rd 1781 they
being ^{4 M} 2 .. 5th Old until Apr. 3rd 1785 — 24

Rearing one Other Child from Apr. 3rd 1781
he being ^{4 M} 4 .. 6 Old until Apr. 3rd 1785 — 12

£ 40

her
Susanah Owens
mar 6

He being Chosen by Henry Vanmeter Justice
of Washington County Pa and Widow Owens and
Subaptain Stoffe and Sworn well and truly to appraise
in Current Money Such of the Estate of John
Owens Late of tenmile Deceased as shall be brought
before us which is as follows viz

Sworn before ^{me} this 29 Day of October 1785

the upper Plantation
Prised to

Henry Vanmeters

	L	S	d
the Lower Plantation to			
or Both Plantations to	375	00	0
one Sorrel Horse priced to	10	00	0
one Blased face Horse to	9	0	0
one Bay Mare	9	0	0
one Brindle Cow	3	10	
one Black Cow with white Rump	1		
one Yellow Heifer	2	10	0
one Black Steer two years old	2	0	0
one yellow Cow with White Back	3	10	0
one Bull calf	0	12	6
one Sow and Nine Pigs	1	10	0
Two young hogs	0	17	6
one old Saddle	0	10	0
one Rifle Gun	4	7	6
one Bed	2	0	0
one Do	1	0	0
three Pots one pan & old Kettle	1	2	6
Old Putter to	1	15	0
one Mattock & Two old hoes	0	10	0
one Churn and small peal	0	4	0
one old ewe & Lamb and small Weather	1	5	0
one Peach pot	0	1	0
one small pot	0	1	0

David Gray

John H. Pley
James Meranda

~~60 16 6~~

£ 60 16 6

To 1 pair of Mittell Buckells	0 2 6
To 2 yd and 2 half of Chalk. 10	0 12 6
To 2 yd of Staff.	0 7 6
To 2 pattering of 2 Silk Bonnet	1 0 0
To 3 half pints of Rum	0 3 0

1777 Dr By me John of me to en. Bartley County — 0
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of June 1777

0365

The accounts of ^{Owini} ~~Jonathan~~ ^{U. Subston} ~~William~~ ^{W. P.} Executors of the Last will & Testament of the said ~~Jonathan~~ ^{Owini} ~~William~~ ^{W. P.} And to which of the said Goods Chattels & Credits which were of the said ~~Jonathan~~ ^{Owini} ~~William~~ ^{W. P.} them - The said Accomplants as also of their Payments & Disbursements as

The said Accomplant Charges themselves With the Goods Chattels & Credits which were of the said Deceased as have come to the Hands & Possession or Knowledge of themselves Said Accomplant according to an Inventory Exhibited into the Register of Office for the County of Washington

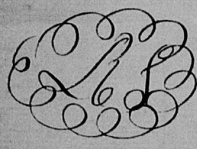
Appraisalment Will in full - £ 60..16..6--
 as also sundry ~~to~~ for use of ~~some~~ of ~~the~~ ~~deceased~~ ~~family~~ before appraised - 32...0...0

 92..16..6
 One Note against John Godfrey - 2...0...0

 Estate in full £ 94..16..6
 Sundry Debts against the Estate 53..0...3

 Remains in hands of Exec^{rs} £ 41..8...3

Washington County



I do hereby certify that I have examined the within Accounts and find them Right

Ben. Stokely for

Thos Stokely Secy

Feb 24 1787

Dec 24 1783
 Nov 24 1785
 Paid
 1 Paid
 2 Paid
 3
 4

0366

Wm. P.
 Executors of the Last will & Testament of John Owens Deceased as well & such
 as & Credits which were of the said Deceased as have come to the Hands or Possessions of
 their Payments & Disbursements out of the same &c

with the Goods Chattels
 as have come to the
 Accomplishment According
 to Office for the County

The said Accomplishment being an Allowance of their
 Payments For said Estate out of the same as Followeth
T. Hall

S. J. D.

Oct 24 1783
Nov 24 1783

6.-
 0..0
 16..6
 16..6
 0..3
 8..3

Paid Register for Letters Testamentary - - - - -	1	5	-
Paid At Return of Inventory - - - - -	-	2	9
1 Paid George Church as for account - - - - -	-	-	-
2 Paid Thomas Rount P. prov. Aut. - - - - -	-	10	-
3 John Amerson P. Note - - - - -	1	2	6
John Wiley for bond to prove the will two days - - - - -	-	-	-
D. for Appraising the Estate - - - - -	2	6	-
4 Keeping four Children 4 years Each <i>3 L</i> - - - - -	40	0	0
P. Year P. Voucher 4 - - - - -	-	-	-
Other fees - - - - -	-	12	-
Register fees for testamentary - - - - -	1	5	-
	55	8	-

Had 9
 in Au-
 Right
 for

Surname (s): OWENS
 Locality: Bracken County
 Researcher: _____

Entry	Repository	Indexed	Description of Source	Comments	Doc. No.
Date	Call Number	Condition	Purpose, Name, Time Period etc.		
			1810 Federal Census	2 men named	
			James Owens Search	James Owens	
			1820 Federal Census	1 John Melurn	
			John Melurn James Owens	1 James Owens	
			1830 Federal Census	Found \$ 2 John Melurn	
			Francis Owens + John Melurn	of each 1 Francis	Owens
			1840 Federal Census	Fanny Owens	
			1850 Federal Census	Found Both	
			Francis Owens + John Melurn plus wife of John		
			1860		
			Deed Index A-J		
4-17-03			Deed Index A-J	Found	
			0344092 Film	Nothing	
4-30-03	Bracken County	Historical Society	Marriage Bond for Elijah Hicks	signed by John Melurn	
6-26-03	LDS		Deeds Index	Found John-	
			K-2 0344070	melurn	
7-16-03	LDS		Deeds Vols M-N		
			1838-1842 0344077		
7-16-03	LDS		Deeds Vols F-G	Deeds for other	
			1818-1826 0344074	J. Owens	
11-18-03	LDS		Wills Index	Found James	
			0344087	D. Owens and John Melurn	
12-2-03	LDS		Wills V. C-D	Inventory	James D. Owens
			1823-1841 0344089	+ Settlement	
12-2-03	LDS		Wills V. I mar 1862-	John Melurn	
			Jun 1866 0344092	Settlement	
	Internet		Ancestry.com	No James D. Owens	
			Kentucky marriages	marriages	
	C.D.		Family Tree Marker	Same as above	
			Kentucky marriages		
1-5-04	LDS		Order Books Vols A-E	Vol B. Page	454
			1797-1856 344099	Fanny Owens Wife	
			Court term 27 Sept.	of 2 Descendant	
			1824	James D. Owens	
No Melurns found					

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